

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 24, 2008
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE
 CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT
 "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome" —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

PEOPLE: *To God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*HYMN OF ADORATION #151
 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

PSALM 124

If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
 If the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
 Blessed be the LORD!

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;

Prayer List
 August 24, 2008

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation. * indicates a new request. *Please note: after six months names will be removed from the prayer list, unless an update is made to the church office.*

Leo Amelunke; 05-08	Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Kenny Mehrle	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Loyd Bollinger	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Alta Proffer
Ian Bolton; 06-08	Ester Nussbaum	Lutheran Home
Heather Cato; 07-08	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Dorothy Cole
Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	Sharon Reif; 03-08	Viola Geiser
[Bone cancer]	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Leonard Moore
S.G. Coy	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Auburn Creek
M. Benji Doerhoff; 06-08	Evelyn Warrick; 04-08	Irene Orlando
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	House Bound
Joan Hope		Mary Huckstep
Carol Huebert, 02-08	Please Remember	Helen Owens
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Our Friends at Home	
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan		
Mary Ann Jordan		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
8-03-08	\$1,917.75	---	---	\$129.00
8-10-08	\$1,119.00	\$10.00	---	\$96.00
8-17-08	\$607.00	---	---	\$100.00
8-24-08				
8-31-08				
Worship	Attendance	Tornadoes & Floods	Total	Offering
8-03-08	64	\$70.00	8-03-08	\$2,046.75
8-10-08	60	\$30.00	8-10-08	\$1,225.00
8-17-08	61	\$105.00	8-17-08	\$812.00
8-24-08			8-24-08	
8-31-08			8-31-08	

Welcome first time guests! **We're glad that you are here!** We invite everyone to complete a Communication card (located on the Information Table) and place it in the offering plate. You are important to us and we want to know that you are here.

Evangelical United Church of Christ	(573) 335-5611
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Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Bill Bolton
Greeters	Bob & Velma Roloff
Reader	Bill Bolton & the Youth of the congregation
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff & Lori Siebert	

Rally Day Sunday

Today is Rally Day Sunday, a day of celebration. After church services, we will have hamburgers and hot-dogs for lunch. And there will be games and activities for the kids, both young and old alike. Stay and fellowship with us.

Meals On Wheels

Remember Meals On Wheels starts Monday August 25. Please be at the rear of Southeast MO Hospital by 10:45 AM each morning. See all the volunteers in the morning.

On the Calendar

- Aug 24 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Rally Day Sunday
- Aug 25-29 Meals On Wheels delivery
Contact Persons: Bob & Velma Roloff @ 335-3867
- Aug 27 Acts Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Aug 28 Jamaican Fundraiser, 6—8 PM
McAllister's Deli on Mt. Auburn
- Aug 31 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
- Sept 1 Labor Day—Office Closed

*the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth. Hallelujah.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE BY OUR YOUTH

Exodus 1:8-2:10	Page 88
Romans 12:1-8	Page 1763
*Matthew 16:13-20	Page 1524

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
“The Teacher, In Teaching”

ANTHEM
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” —Choir

RALLY DAY

AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY: CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

LEADER: Will all those who assist in any way our Christian Education program; teachers, helpers, Board of Christian Education members, all come forward onto the platform for their ministry to be affirmed before the congregation. Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

PEOPLE: *There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.*



LEADER: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

PEOPLE: *The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.*

LEADER: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

PEOPLE: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

LEADER: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

PEOPLE: *All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.*



PRESENTATION

LEADER: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

COVENANT

LEADER: [Addressing the individuals] Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of

*PRAISE RESPONSE #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Loving God, receive and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the many gifts you graciously bestow upon us. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit that we may as graciously serve others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN OF PARTING #34

"He Is Lord"

*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

LEADER: The blessing of the God of Sarah and of Abraham; the blessing of Jesus Christ, born of Mary; the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who broods over us as a mother over her children; be with you all. Amen.

CHORAL EXTRACT

"A Perfect Heart"

POSTLUDE

God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

INDIVIDUALS: I am.

LEADER: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

INDIVIDUALS: I do, relying on God's grace.

LEADER: [Addressing the congregation] Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered **God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?**

[All who are able stand.]

**PEOPLE: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you in that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.*

[The congregation may be seated.]

PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, **as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.**

PEOPLE: Amen.

DECLARATION

LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Evangelical Church of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are installed in your respective positions.

*GREETINGS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

LEADER: In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love. Please extend the hand of Christian friendship to those affirmed in ministry today and to your neighbor.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE #141 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

BLESSING FOR LEARNERS

LEADER: Gracious God: As we gather today, we remember our role as learners and seekers of the faith. We give thanks for all those — present or away — who support the teaching and learning that takes place through our congregation. Be with all — children, youth, and adults — who will be participating this year in our Sunday school and study groups. Bless our times of study so that we may grow in faith. Bless our times of fellowship so that we may truly live as brothers and sisters in Christ. Bless our times of prayer and worship so that we may be enriched in our spirits. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray as our savior has taught us.

ALL: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Board of Christian Education Scholarship Fund

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us.